

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

It is another feature of the present invention to provide a ~~A computer-readable~~ computer-readable medium for linking business interests to customers, the computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the ~~compute-implemented~~ computer-implemented steps of: receiving postings of business interests to a provider; providing to a customer access to said postings; and linking said customer to said business interests, wherein said business interests consists of a group including, equipment, real estate, intellectual property, technical expertise, purchase agreements, material inventories, product purchases, and investment capital.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 1, a particular user or customer 12 can utilize the present invention to find the resources from a provider 14 that he or she needs to put a business together through a negotiating link 16 and delivery channel 18.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to the method of FIG. 2, [[For]] for example, the customer ~~entrepreneur~~/user may wish to build a metal foundry. The user has decided that he wants to locate his foundry in the State of Alabama and the most important component of this foundry is going to be the real estate. He utilizes the present invention, which is filled with postings 21 of everything that the user needs to complete his project. In this case, the major shopping ~~list~~ criteria 24 for his project is real estate, furnace equipment, chemical and/or mechanical engineering expertise and transport equipment.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

Again referring to FIG. 2, [[The]] the present invention may be filled with postings 21 for all of these different business interests that are required for this joint venture, or deal, or any other joint venture, or deal, for which people and/or companies have posted for a one time annual fee per posting. A person posting a forklift using the present invention may be charged the same cost as a person posting twenty-five acres of highly valuable commercial real estate. In our example the user's primary interest is to locate real estate for his plant where he desires to locate in Alabama and he finds someone in Mobile, Alabama Ala- that offers 25,000 square feet of factory space. The persons that have posted using the present invention may have done so, not because they are particularly interested in selling their land, equipment or expertise, but rather they are there to put their goods and services in return for an equity portion of the joint venture, or deal, that the user is putting together. In our example, the customer/user finds is provided access 23 to, is linked 25 to and is provided or displayed 28 the posting 21 of the 25,000 square foot factory space item in Mobile, Alabama. Ala-, The user then may be connected 27 with ~~contacts~~ the person and/or company that has posted 21 the property on the website and negotiates 31 a 25% equity stake ~~interest~~ in the joint venture in exchange for the right to locate the foundry operation in the factory space ~~there.~~